

MOVEMENTS IN COMMERCE.

THE TRADE OF NEW YORK.

Two Years Statistics of Commerce

1854 Compared with 1852.

The following statistics regarding movements in trade in this city during the past year, were collected with a view for publication on the 1st inst., but from the crowded state of our columns we have deferred their insertion until now.

It will be seen from our statements respecting some of the leading articles of trade, that the prices of most of them have ruled higher the past than during the previous year. Cotton has formed an exception, though prices have been quite uniform considering the variation in the crops. The chief improvement has been felt in breadstuffs and provisions.

The business of the past year in nearly all branches has been remarkably successful, and generally remunerative. It will stand out as a year of the greatest national prosperity and progress with which the country has been blessed since the organization of our government; but we hope, under the bonds of imperishable union and peace, it is yet destined to witness many more years of great prosperity, and that the growth and progress of the country may go on increasing in a corresponding ratio with the increase of population.

We commence our statistics with cotton, which has finally reached in its cultivation in this country a crop of about three million of bales for the year 1852-53. It will be seen from the following figures that the stock in this market is less than it has been at any previous period since June, 1851:—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE STOCKS AND PRICES OF COTTON IN NEW YORK.

	1851.	1851.
	June 30	December 31
Up'ds. N. O. Ls.		
Inf. ....	7½	7 7½
Ordinary ..	8	7½
Middling ..	9½	9
Good Middling ..	9½	8½
Middling fair ..	10	9
Fair ..	10½	12
Full fair ..	nom.	nom.
Good fair ..	do.	do.
Fine ..	do.	do.
Stock, sales ..	50,000	35,000
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Full fair ..	11	10½
Good fair ..	nom.	nom.
Fine ..	do.	do.
Stock, sales ..	40,000	25,000

Flour and grain, for the greater part of the past year, 1852, ruled low, and it was only with the commencement of the past autumn that prices began to advance, closing, on the 31st of December last, at higher figures than at the close of the preceding year. We annex the comparative quotations for flour in 1851 and 1852:—

State, per bu.	—	—	1 87 1/2	65	00
State, per bu.	—	—	1 13 1/2	60	00
State, com. brands.	4 37 1/2	4 43 1/2	60	50	00
State, night. brands.	4 50 1/2	4 50	56 1/2	60	00
State, favrt. brands.	4 50 1/2	4 62 1/2	5 62 1/2	60	00
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Mich. & Ind. night. do.	4 23 1/2	4 68 1/2	5 68 1/2	57 1/2	00
Mich. fancy brands.	4 66 1/2	4 75	67 1/2	58 1/2	00
Ohio, com. togd. brnd.	4 64 1/2	4 62 1/2	5 68 1/2	58 1/2	00
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Ohio, fancy brands.	4 76	4 93 1/2	5 75	59 1/2	00
Genesee. fancy brands.	4 76	4 93 1/2	5 81 1/2	60	00
Ohio, Ind. & Mich. ext.	5 00	5 25	60	60	00
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Canada, (in bond).	4 37 1/2	4 50	5 87 1/2	56 1/2	00
Brandwine.	4 43 1/2	4 43 1/2	5 87 1/2	56 1/2	00
Georgetown.	4 43 1/2	4 50	5 87 1/2	56 1/2	00
Richmond County.	4 43 1/2	4 43 1/2	5 87 1/2	56 1/2	00
Alexandria.	4 37 1/2	4 43 1/2	5 56 1/2	54 1/2	00
Baltimore, Howard &	4 37 1/2	4 43 1/2	5 62 1/2	54 1/2	00
St. Louis, Howard &	4 37 1/2	4 43 1/2	5 62 1/2	54 1/2	00
Corn meal, Howard &	3 25	—	3 81 1/2	3 87 1/2	00
Corn meal, Brandwine.	3 37 1/2	3 50	4 00	—	00

The movements in grain have more or less kept pace with those of flour. The crops of wheat last year were larger and of better quality than usual. The supplies from Canada and Southern States were large, and of good quality, while the great receipts from the West, and the abundance of the average of the previous year in quantity and quality. The crop of Indian corn, which is always large, was a full average one. Oats, rye, and barley, were also in fair supply. We annex tables of comparative prices:—

WHEAT.		
	Dec. 31, 1851.	Dec. 31, 1852.
White Genesee, per bush.	\$1 31 1/2	\$1 30 1/2
Do. (Canada in bond).....	0 95 a	1 25 a 1/2
Southern white.....	— a 1 08	1 28 a 1/2
Ohio white.....	1 — a 1 05	1 29 a 1/2
Michigan white.....	1 — a 1 05	1 29 a 1/2
Western red.....	— a 1 05	1 20 a
Mixed western.....	— a —	1 25 a
CORN.		
Round yellow.....	— a —	68 a 69
Round white.....	— a —	69 a 71
Southern white.....	— a —	70 a 71
Southern yellow.....	— a —	70 a 71
Southern mixed.....	— a —	70 a 71
Western mixed.....	67 a 68	77 a 78
Western.....	— a —	76 a 78
RYE.		
Western, per bushel.....	— a —	85 a 90

It will be perceived that the prices for this article have continued to be very uniform, since 1846 and 1847, when we were much in demand for export. In the summer of '47, fair quality sold as high as 53¢ a cwt., the same quality has been sold this year at 50¢ a cwt. of short supply and large demand for California. Rice is first introduced into this country in the year 1847. It has since been raised, and the quantity which it yielded sixteen bushels, which result encouraged future operations. The first shipment was made to England in 1849, which consisted of about 215 casks, and since that period the export demand has continued to increase, until now, when we export almost two-thirds of our crop, which amounts to about 225,000 tierces. Carolina rice commanded the prize market last year at the great London exhibition, and will continue to be in favor as it is the best—so long as it can be afforded at a reasonable rate. We annex comparative tables of comparative prices, with imports, exports, stocks, &c.:—

	1847.	1848.	1849.
Broken.	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
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There has been considerable activity in iron during the past year, with a material enhancement of prices in both Scotch pig and railroad bars. The many new uses to which iron is applied in building and other purposes have greatly augmented the consumption of the article. The duty being at a value, has advanced with the advancement in price, which has tended to impart greater activity to our own manufacturers. The demand for railroad iron has become enormous, and some of the largest works in meeting the wants of the vast number of roads either building or projected in the United States. We annex a comparative statement of prices:—

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commencement of last autumn. A scarcity of hogs at the West, with an increased demand for pork in California and Australia, sent up prices. Thus, on the 31st December, 1851, mess pork sold at \$14 50 a \$14 75, while on the 31st December, 1852 it was \$13 50 and \$13 50, and the same month sold at \$20, to arrive. Limits do not permit us to go into details regarding the pork trade at the West, including tables of supplies and consumption.

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